



WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON

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Held at the Portland Yacht Club

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting—**Approved**

<https://waterfrontoregon.com/>

Call to Order / Kelly Butler Holtz for Ron Schmidt

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their Support - Asia Von Sonn

Board Roll Call / Maura Hayes QUORUM PRESENT (4 minimum)

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X Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

Kyle Downs (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

X Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)

Joe Nelson (President Jantzen Beach Moorage, Inc.)

X Tom Ulrich (McCormick Pier Marina & HOA)

AGENDA

This meeting began with a WOOO Spring social event followed by a presentation by special guest speaker, MCSO Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell followed by a Q&A session. The WOOO April board meeting convened afterwards. The Best Practices group skipped their regular discussion in April but will resume in May.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office-(MCSO) Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell

Kelly Butler Holtz introduced MCSO Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell with a brief summary of her professional accomplishments.

MCSO Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell (NMO):

With a lot of experience in both law enforcement and corrections division, she is meeting with contract cities and organizations to listen to needs and challenges for public safety and waterways. Waterways are very important.

Lieutenant Rob Stewart (LRS) is a newly appointed officer who adds structure and guidance to the organization.

Budget need assessments are currently underway; Multnomah County is anticipating some fiscal reductions, mandated and un-mandated. They are assessing what would be the impact *not* to have certain positions? Public Safety is a major community concern right now. She is actively advocating to promote this security. On the county website, there are places for advocacy for services that may impact you, that you can endorse.

The River Patrol Unit is currently seeing more fishing and river traffic. Diane Rosenbaum, District 3 Multnomah County Commissioner will be part of these budget processes and she was recently on a river patrol tour

of the water to see what is happening. It helps reinforce the need for important services. She highlighted the tour in her monthly newsletter.

Three deputies are being sent to the marine academy for skills training. This also helps for cross training for staffing purposes, they are trying to be very versatile in their staffing. Summertime has heavier river traffic, which requires skillful management of their resources. They are nearly fully staffed in their law enforcement division and have brought people in who have prior policing experience. She expects her staff to be present and she is attentive to their needs and what resources they may need.

Q & A

Stan Tonneson (ST): April 27 is the deadline for budget input. Rumors say that the budget cuts will happen in April. How will you hire/train/fund another person to shadow Sgt Dangler?

Sheriff NMO: They(we) juggle resources to meet demand. The Budget deadline is on 4/27—if there are any services that need coverage, please communicate those through the public testimony venues.

Kelly Butler Holtz: Tell us more about the Marine Academy?

LRS: Annual marine academy is state-wide, includes 2 weeks training. The April training is coming up. It also acts as a review for existing officers and increases skills and versatility of officers.

Maura Hayes: How can we figure out *which* enforcement agency to call for what scenario, as it gets rather confusing to sort out?

Sheriff NMO: With so many partners involved, it does become challenging:

- 911 For emergencies
- Non-Emergency: They are improving their staffing, wait times should improve. 16 people have recently been hired, with more on the horizon.
- On-line reporting: MCSO will pinpoint the location, to tell you which area you are in for reporting purposes.

Ron Schmidt: Law & order is important, what can be done to deal with property crime?

Sheriff NMO: They are looking at focused missions for targeted criminal activities. Retail crime is a big one right now. No one agency can deal with this by themselves. Re: Prosecution: If suspects are jailed, that starts the prosecution process, it is not the sheriff's process after that point.

Stolen vehicles: what are being done to quell car thefts?

NMO: Gun violence and untagged stolen vehicles are a mission area that they have been working on in Gresham. They are starting to work with the City of Portland on this.

Many thanks to MCSO Sheriff Nicole Morrisey O'Donnell!

WOOO BOARD MEETING

March Meeting Minutes Approved by Board

Motion to Approve: Don Gire moved, Stan Tonneson seconded.

TREASURER Stan Tonneson

\$10,367 Balance.

Dues statements were sent this month.

ATT: Stan Tonneson, Rocky Point was added for clarity to invoices.

NEWS AND INFO FROM GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

Sean Whalen, Harbor Master, Portland Fire & Rescue

He was here earlier, but had to leave for a Caterpillar Island security issue.

Lieutenant Rob Stewart, (MCSO) Updates.

Contract with the marine board has removed several sunken, derelict boats already.

KGW news story re: sea lions. Fishing vessel was driving into sea lions, harming them, they are addressing that.

There was a recent dog drowning and recovery at Sailors Point.

25% of MCSO River Patrol Unit budget comes from the OSMB.

Lindberg Beach Cleanup, three vessels removed.

They are trying to get a hand-held sonar device for underwater rescues.

4 derelict vessels were removed from the Ross Island area. More will be removed.

Don Gire: What is the criteria for removing a derelict vessel? How do you pick your priorities?

ST: It is all about resources. Priority: Is it a navigational hazard?

\$150,000 per biennial doesn't go far.

\$18.7 million is being allocated in the Governor's budget for these scenarios.

Tom Ulrich: On MCSO reporting site, it doesn't seem to offer a way to report locations.

Harry Braunstein: re: protection of our marinas. If we kick off a boat from our marina, are we liable if it hits something?

Stan Tonneson: Insurance requires us to protect our property. But we cannot be held liable. An 18-person task force will address these topics. He will discuss this further in his report.

Lt. Rob Stewart: He is wary in answering this question, but would not advise pushing off vessel.

Terrie Graves-Dept of State Lands (DSL):

Updates: Says she has also been monitoring HB2914.

They try to keep up with all the derelict vessels, but it is daunting.

Jacob Taylor-DSL: This is his last WOOO Meeting; transitioning to another job. Terrie will handle future concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report-Stan Tonneson

\$10,367 Balance remains in WOOO Treasury.

River Community Advisory Committee (RCAC)-Kelly Holtz

They meet tomorrow to discuss Title 28 Building Code. Their last suggestions were adopted. Go to their website link for more.

Legislative Updates-Stan Tonneson

HB 2914.2 passed committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans yesterday; it now moves on to Ways and Means Committee. Emergency management hearing was held two weeks ago. This bill develops an 18-person task force that is mandated by legislation to create programs to combat ADVs (Abandoned and Derelict Vessels). The task force will report back to the legislature within 6 months with recommendations to develop into future laws.

The task force will include representatives from many stake holders: DEQ, Dept State Lands, ODFW, OSMB, OSP, OR State sheriff, Chief of Police, Public Ports, Private marinas, Recreation, Fishing, and Non-profit environmental advocacy groups. Stan Tonneson said he feels confident he will have a seat on this task force.

The Governor has proposed an \$18.7 million budget line item usable for removal of abandoned ADVs. A program must be in place before spending this money, so it is key to craft a program. These funds are from a one-time settlement fund from Monsanto for pollution.

What will we do in the future after this fund has been depleted? The task force must come up with sustainable programs to fund future ADV removal. The last projected cost was \$40 million+ to clean up existing areas. Land Board, which consists of Governor, Secretary of State and Secretary of Treasury endorses HB 2914.

Two legislators preferred spending the money another way.
The Chairman of the committee told DSL that they support the bill.

Stan, Ron, and Doug Romjue submitted verbal testimony; Doug also submitted written testimony in support of HB2914. Written or verbal public testimony may be submitted.

Senator Taylor had input with the task force.

SB198 removes the requirement for boat house owners to file personal property tax returns. Ron Schmidt and Doug Romjue / CRYA submitted written testimony in support of SB198.

Good Samaritan Committee:

They had a PYC meeting yesterday. It is not the marina's job to secure ADVs, nor to assume liability for these vessels and their associated costs. Marinas have an insurance obligation to protect their property.

If a DV is tied up to your moorage and *someone is living on it*, under current laws, you are currently stuck with them, they cannot be displaced.

You cannot untie an illegal boat from your marina. Stan assists them in multiple ways to encourage them to leave.

For loose vessels, Stan calls the OSMB and/or DSL to ask permission to beach ADVs as an emergency request. They have given immediate assent in the past.

Stan and others are looking for the legal routes on this topic to protect innocent marinas and moorages from unfair financial burdens.

Terrie Graves, DSL- 503-871-0785

Phone for emergency use only-for free floating vessels that need attention ASAP!

She is Jacob Taylor's replacement.

It is hard to determine what is State Lands, which beaches.

Re: The task force selection process will be discussed after April 11. Unsure if it is a nomination process. If you are interested, make a request.

The representatives that objected to the bill, wanted more ADV problem prevention and to use the 18.5 million funds for other projects including fire-ravaged areas.

Jane Gire-Social Chair

Thanks to all for attending this new spring event.

Security Committee -a new chairperson is still needed.

Cathy Evanson-Storm Water Fees Rate Study

Currently the City is changing their rate structures for sewer, stormwater services. The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) hired an outside consultant and did comparable studies from other cities. An informational meeting was held last month. She felt that BES and consultants were unresponsive and averted public input.

The fees will be more from the stormwater category, less from the sewer. Per unit charge. Floating homes will be considered as multi-family rates (4.65 residential unit rate, a slight fee break from single residency).

The Clean Water Reward needs to be re-filed every five years; it is no longer permanent.

The Seattle/Lake Union floating home community rates were compared—Cathy says they do not pay for rainwater runoff/over-water structures.

Refer to the website **City Of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services**.

Strategies need to be discussed to avert these costs over and over again.

Additional public meetings on the horizon. They have offered to meet with WOOO Board.

Floating Home Insurance Committee-Don Gire:

The insurance companies are unhappy with the prospect of increasing competition. He is assembling prospectuses and will present more information at a future meeting.

Rental Boats Safety/ Outreach -Tom Ulrich, McCormick Pier:

An Oregon House Bill is pending by the Wake Boat community to remove current wake restrictions from the Newberg Pool. OSMB says that no changes to rules will be considered for five years.

New Business

Stan Tonneson says OSMB has \$30 million budget, spending 1/3 on law enforcement, 1/3 on administrative, 1/3 on facilities/maintenance.

They accept annual grant applications for funding requests for facility needs. One can review requests online, they have a public comment period. ie: Scappoose Bay Marina is asking for \$1.5 million. OSMB doesn't generally give money for dredging, yet Scappoose Bay Marina received it at least three times, and they are asking for it again, not for the general public, paddlers or small watercraft, but for the public marina that is filled with cruisers. This marina charges half the rate of other marinas, yet requests funding via our communal registration fees in that manner. One can submit written testimony until April 17. OSMB has a board of 5 members who review these requests.

He listed a few other grant applications needing subsidized funding. See OSMB public comment link online to view funding grant requests.

Rose Kowalski-History of WOOO

She has written an article about the origin story of WOOO. It will be posted on the WOOO website.

Don Larson: re: ADVs. We have to see/report the vessels *before* they sink, as it can save a huge amount of money.

State of WA requires insurance on all boats, with open books for marina owners to view. This helps prevent uninsured title transfers that eventually become abandoned vessels.

Meeting Adjourned at 2pm.

Submitted by Maura Hayes, WOOO Secretary